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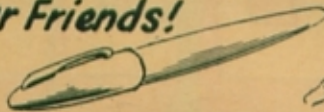
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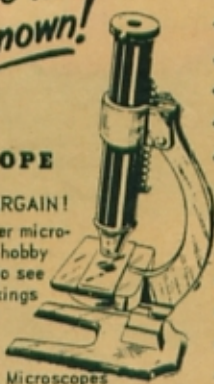
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BLACK DIAMOND

IN "THE PASTURES OF PERIL"

THE BLACK DIAMOND AND HIS LOYAL SIDEKICK BUMPER WERE HEAD-ING FOR TYLER VALLEY, WHERE NOTHING MORE EXCITING THAN A BARBECUE USUALLY OCCURED! THIS TIME SOMETHING MORE EVIL WAS COOKING! A WITCHES' BREW OF INJUSTICE AND MURDER STIRRED BY TRIGGER-HAPPY HANDS! DEATH WAS BEING DISHED OUT WHOLESALE TO TYLER VALLEY...AS THE BLACK DIAMOND SOON LEARNED FOR HIMSELF!

GET 'EM UP, YOU TWO! DROP YOUR GUN BELTS! DROP 'EM, I SAID!

WHY?

BECAUSE WE'LL BLAST YOU TO KINGDOM COME IF YOU DON'T, THAT'S WHY!

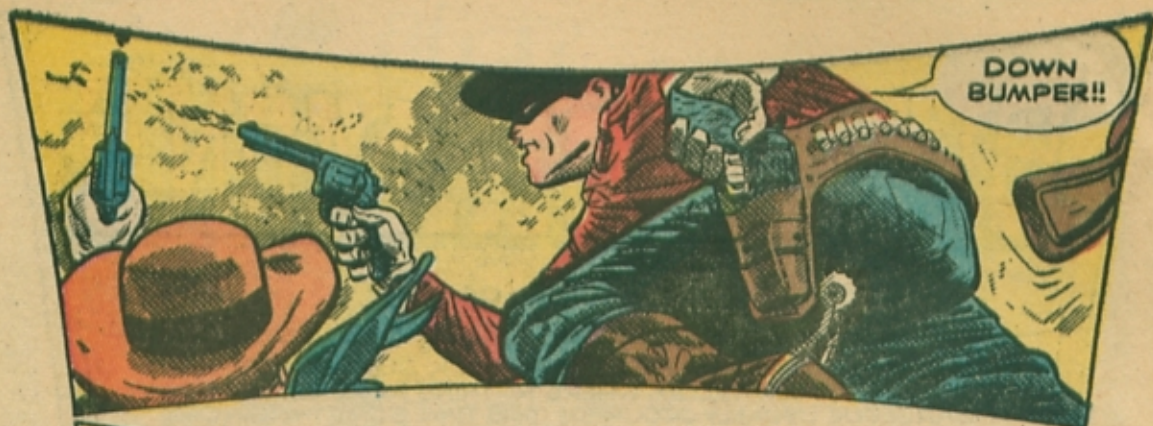


THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY! YOU'RE TRES-PASSIN' AGIN' THE LAW! WE CAN SHOOT YOU IF WE WANT!

I'M SURE YOU WILL! I'VE SEEN YOUR PRETTY FACES ON WANTED POSTERS IN SONORA! WHAT'S ONE MURDER MORE, EH?

YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU SAID THAT! SHOOT 'EM, ED!





THE MAN
IS DEAD,
BLACK
DIAMOND!

HE PROBABLY
CAUGHT THESE RUSTLERS
BRANDING HIS STOCK...
AND THEY SHOT HIM!
LET'S GET 'EM!

!GASP!
D...DO YUH KNOW WHO'S
AFTER US? IT'S THE
BLACK DIAMOND!

HE'LL NAIL
US FOR SURE IN THE OPEN!
HEAD FOR THE WOODS! WE
CAN SCATTER THERE!

THE POLE-
CATS! THEY'RE BUSTING
UP IN THREE
DIRECTIONS!

NO USE
FOLLOWING 'EM NOW,
BUMPER! WE'LL PICK UP
THEIR TRAIL ANOTHER
TIME! LET'S RETURN TO
THE SIDEWINDERS WE
SHOT! MAYBE ONE IS IN A
TALKATIVE MOOD!

NO LUCK,
DIAMOND! THESE BIRDS
WON'T SING AGAIN!

THE RANCH
HOUSE IS NEARBY! MAYBE THEY
KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!

I WAS AFRAID
THIS WOULD HAPPEN...*SOB!*
JIM KNEW WE WERE BEING RUSTLED
BUT I PLEADED WITH HIM NOT TO
INVESTIGATE ALONE! HE
WOULDN'T LISTEN! *SOB!*

MR. BROOK
COULDN'T HELP HIMSELF!
HE HAD TO FIRE ALL THE
HELP EXCEPT ME! TIMES
ARE AWFUL IN THE VALLEY!
BEEF PRICES ARE LOW
AND THE MARKET IS
GLUTTED!

IT'S TRUE, BLACK DIAMOND!
EVERY RANCH IN THE
VALLEY IS ON THE VERGE
OF BANKRUPTCY!

BUMPER, LET'S
STAY HERE AND PUT THINGS
IN ORDER FOR MRS. BROOK!
SHE CAN USE OUR
HELP!

AND SO FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS...

GOSH! I HATE TO THINK OF MRS.
BROOK DOING WORK LIKE THIS!
THINK WE'LL PICK UP THOSE
RATS' TRAIL AGAIN?

THEY'LL TURN UP,
BUMPER! AND WHEN
THEY DO, WE'LL BE
READY!

ONE EVENING, AT BROOK RANCH HOUSE...

I WAS SORRY TO
HEAR ABOUT HIM, BESS! HOW'LL YOU
MANAGE WITH THE KIDS?

WE'LL GET ALONG, CARL!
IS THAT WHY YOU CAME
HERE...TO OFFER YOUR
CONDOLENCES?

YOU KNOW
HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU,
BESS! BUT YOU PREFERRED
JIM TO ME! WELL, MY OLD
OFFER OF MARRIAGE
STILL GOES!

THANKS, CARL!
THE ANSWER IS
STILL NO!

YOU CAN'T
TURN ME DOWN, AGAIN! THIS
RANCH WILL GO TO POT! YOU'VE
GOT NOBODY BUT
ME TO TURN
TO!

CARL DENTON!
YOU LET
ME GO!

YOU HEARD
MRS. BROOK,
DENTON!

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT YOU,
DENTON, BUT I'M ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS
OF MEN WHO FORCE THEMSELVES
ON OTHER PEOPLE!

TO BLAZES
WITH WHAT YOU'RE SUSPICIOUS
OF! YOU KEEP YOUR
NOSE OUT OF MY BUSINESS!
YOU'VE GOT NO
AUTHORITY HERE!

THERE'S A RANCHERS MEETING
TOMORROW NIGHT! IF YOU WANT
TO STAY OUT OF THE POORHOUSE
BESS, YOU'LL ATTEND!

I'M MANAGING MRS.
BROOK'S AFFAIR, DENTON! I'LL
BE THERE IF ONLY TO SEE
WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT
IN TOWN...

I'M GIVING YOU THE VALLEY'S ONLY SOLUTION! HIRE
MY MUSTANGERS TO HUNT DOWN THE WILD MUSTANGS
THAT ARE EATING UP YOUR PASTURES! I'LL
SELL THE HOSS FLESH IN KANSAS CITY!

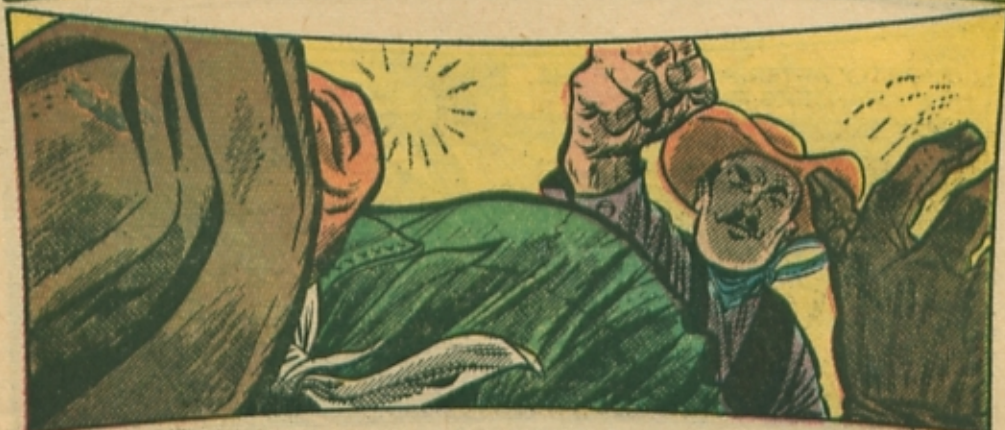
YOUR
SHARE WON'T COME TO MUCH! BUT
IT'LL AT LEAST TIDE YOU OVER TILL
YOU CAN SELL CATTLE AGAIN!

I'LL SPEAK FOR
MRS. BROOK! COUNT HER
OUT! IF THE REST OF YOU
ARE SMART, YOU'LL STAY
OUT, TOO!

IN ORDER TO CHASE MUSTANGS, DENTON'S
BOYS MUST CROSS EVERYBODY'S PROPERTY!
WELL, I DON'T TRUST HIS MUSTANGERS!

HEY, BOYS!
HE INSULTED
US!

GET 'EM, MEN! THAT
MARSHAL'S GOT NO
JURISDICTION IN
OUR BAILIWICK!



ANYBODY ELSE LOOKING
FOR TROUBLE?

WHOEVER GOES WITH DENTON'S PLAN
WILL WIND UP WITH MORE THAN
TROUBLE! THEY'LL BEGIN WITH
MUSTANGING AND END UP BY
RUSTLING YOU BLIND!



YOU'VE GOT
NO RIGHT TO
SAY THAT!
NO PROOF!

DENTON, WHEN I GET PROOF — ESPECIALLY ABOUT
JACK BROOK'S MURDER — I WON'T SAY ANYTHING!
THE HANGMEN WILL SAY IT FOR ME!



YOU SURE RILED
DENTON! HE'LL SPEND
DAY AND NIGHT
HUNTING YOUR
HEAD!

ONLY TO LOSE
HIS OWN! I WANT TO
DRAW DENTON'S
FIRE! I'M POSITIVE
HIS MUSTANGERS
ARE THE SAME
COYOTES WHO
MURDERED JIM
BROOK!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS ONE OF THE
MUSTANGERS PASSES BY...

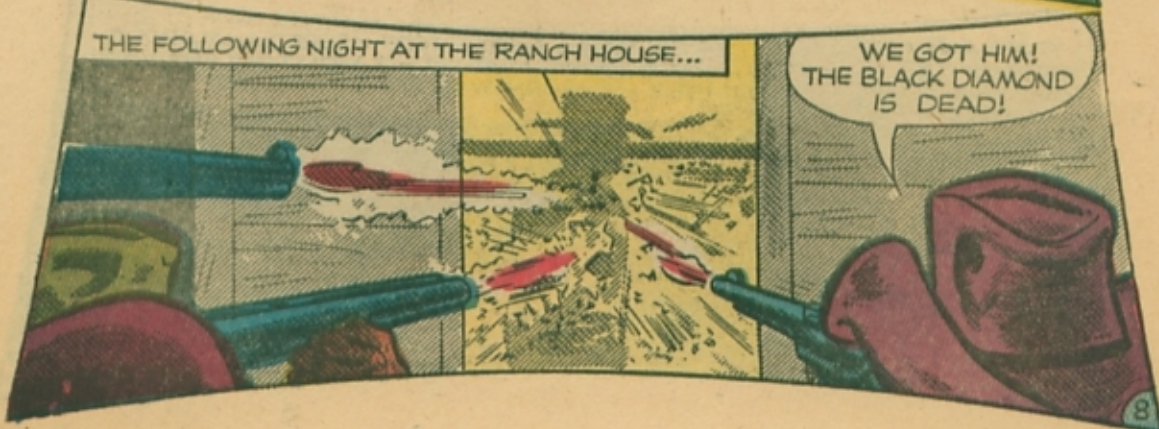



A MASK! LIKE THOSE RUSTLERS WERE WEARING!
WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUMPER! ONCE
DENTON FINDS OUT THIS COYOTE IS MISSING,
HE'LL COME CALLING ON US!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AT THE RANCH HOUSE...


WE GOT HIM!
THE BLACK DIAMOND
IS DEAD!





GUESS AGAIN! YOU BLASTED AWAY AT A DUMMY DRESSED IN MY CLOTHING!

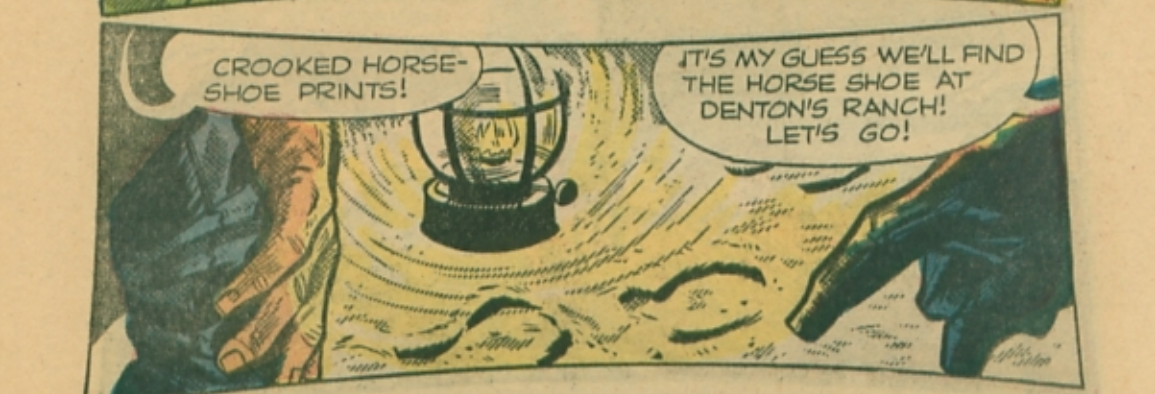
WE'VE BEEN TRICKED! RUN!



THEY'RE DENTON'S MUSTANGERS! BOTH OF 'EM!

NO, SHERIFF — OUTLAWS! RUSTLERS IN THE PAY OF DENTON! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE!

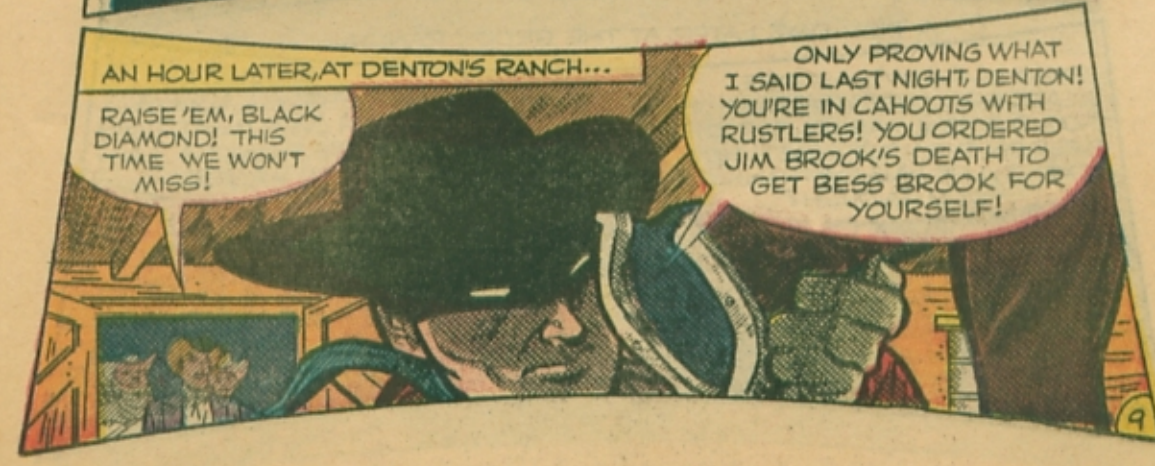
BLACK DIAMOND! LOOK!



CROOKED HORSE-SHOE PRINTS!

IT'S MY GUESS WE'LL FIND THE HORSE SHOE AT DENTON'S RANCH! LET'S GO!

AN HOUR LATER, AT DENTON'S RANCH...



RAISE 'EM, BLACK DIAMOND! THIS TIME WE WON'T MISS!

ONLY PROVING WHAT I SAID LAST NIGHT, DENTON! YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS WITH RUSTLERS! YOU ORDERED JIM BROOK'S DEATH TO GET BESS BROOK FOR YOURSELF!

WHO DENIES IT? YOU WON'T LIVE TO TELL ANYBODY! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE MUSTANGERS, TOO! IT'S A TRICK TO LET US RUSTLE THE RANCHERS' CATTLE AT WILL!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, SHERIFF?

EVERY WORD OF IT, BLACK DIAMOND! THEY'RE AS GOOD AS HANGED!

ANOTHER TRICK! BUT YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE!

WRONG AS USUAL!

A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE BROOK RANCH...

BESIDES EVERYTHING ELSE, BLACK DIAMOND! THEY SAY YOU FOUND A NEW MARKET FOR OUR BEEF ON THE WEST COAST! HOW CAN TYLER VALLEY THANK YOU ENOUGH?


BY BELIEVING THAT RIGHT WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH OVER MIGHT! THAT'S ALL THE THANKS A LAW-MAN WANTS!

THE
END


BUCK ROPER

in "Vengeance
At The Rodeo"






DINKY CAN'T GET OUT
OF THE WAY! IF THE
BULL HITS HIM AGAIN,
HE'LL KILL HIM
FOR SURE!



THIS SHOULD GET
OLD TORO'S MIND
OFF DINKY!


ROPER, YOU CRAZY
FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU
UP TO? YOU WANT TO
GET GORED, TOO?



NOT IF I CAN HELP
IT! BUT I WANT TO
GIVE THIS STEER
A NEW
TARGET...




ME!




BUCK! THE BULL'S CATCHING UP! HEAD FOR THE SIDE AND OVER THE FENCE!


I CAN'T! WITHOUT ME TO CHASE, HE'D GO AFTER DINKY AGAIN!



HURRY, YOU GUYS! OPEN THAT CHUTE!



WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO? IF YOU LEAD HIM INSIDE HE'LL HAVE YOU TRAPPED! YOU'LL BE RIPPED TO PIECES!



THERE'S NOT A SECOND TO LOSE! DON'T ARGUE WITH ME! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING... I HOPE!



CRASH





...WHICH HE'LL NEVER GET AROUND HERE! I SUGGEST HE STAY AT MY PLACE OUTSIDE OF TOWN UNTIL HE RECOVERS!

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'LL GET SOME OF MY MEN TO CARRY HIM OUT TO YOUR CAR!



IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, DINKY...

YOU'VE DONE YOUR SHARE ALREADY, BUCK! BUT I SWEAR I'LL GET YOU FOR IT!




BY NOW DINKY SHOULD HAVE COOLED OFF! I'D LIKE TO RIDE OUT AND CONVINCE HIM THE ACCIDENT WAS NO FAULT OF MINE!

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I DON'T WANT ANY FEUD GOING ON AROUND MY RODEO!



BUT WHEN BUCK REACHES THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

GREAT SCOTT! THE DOC'S BEEN KNOCKED OUT!




WAKE
UP, DOC! WAKE
UP! WHAT
HAPPENED?

MMM!
GROAN! ROPER!
THANK HEAVENS
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
DINKY'S OUT TO
GET YOU!




GET
ME?

YES! HE TOOK MY GUN WHEN
I WASN'T LOOKING AND TOLD
ME HE WAS GOING OUT TO
FILL YOU FULL OF LEAD!
WHEN I TRIED TO STOP
HIM, HE HIT ME!



HE MUST
BE ON HIS
WAY TO THE
RODEO
NOW!

IN HIS WEAKENED CONDITION, HE'LL
PASS OUT BEFORE HE GETS
THERE! AND TO MAKE MATTERS
WORSE, THERE'S A MOUNTAIN
LION ON THE LOOSE! HE'S
LIABLE TO WIND
UP A MEAL FOR
THAT CAT!

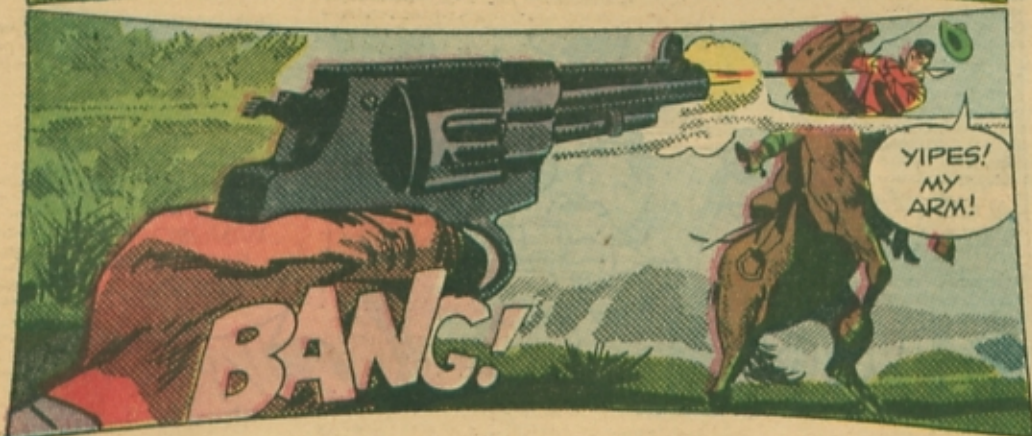
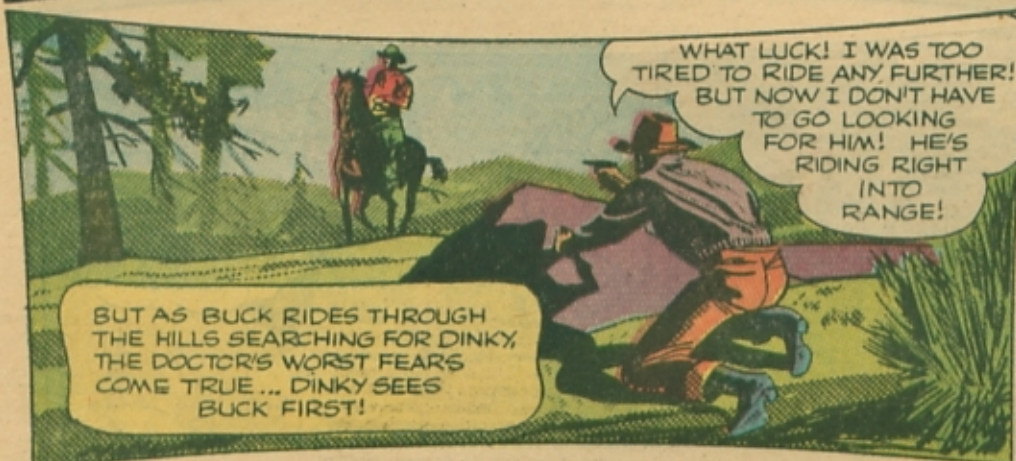


I'D BETTER SEE
IF I CAN FIND
HIM!

NOT YOU! IF
DINKY SHOULD
SPOT YOU BEFORE
YOU SEE HIM,
HE'S SURE TO
AMBUSH YOU!

I'D
BETTER
GO!

YOU'RE MUCH
TOO WEEK! I'LL
JUST HAVE TO TAKE
MY CHANCES!



THE SMELL OF FRESH
BLOOD ATTRACTS
THE MOUNTAIN
LION LURKING
NEARBY!

DON'T MOVE,
DINKY! THE MOUNTAIN
LION'S RIGHT ABOVE
MAKING UP ITS MIND
WHICH ONE OF US TO
ATTACK!

DON'T BLUFF
ME! I'M CLOS-
ING IN TO
FINISH YOU OFF
AND NOTHING'S
GOING TO
STOP ME!

BUT BY
MOVING, DINKY
ELECTS HIMSELF
THE MOUNTAIN
LION'S
TARGET...

YIII!

THIS IS MY
CHANCE TO RUN!
BUT I CAME OUT TO
TO SAVE THAT
CRAZY CLOWN AND
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I'M GOING TO
TRY TO DO!

HELP!
HELP!

I'VE GOT TO
KILL THAT BEAST
WITH ONE SHOT —
OR IT'LL BE
CURTAINS FOR
DINKY!

BANG!

AND TO
MAKE MATTERS
WORSE, HE
WINGED MY
SHOOTING
ARM!

AARRGHH!



DRESSED TO KILL

Andy looked across the counter of the diner at his father who was wiping the cups and saucers very carefully, and then at Gramps who sat at one of the tables with a cup of hot coffee in his hand. It seemed to Andy that as long as he could remember, Gramps had been sitting there with the cup of coffee in his hand. Gramps and Pops used to go gold prospecting in the old days — before Pops broke his leg. That broken leg had taken Pops out of circulation, and he had to open the diner on the highway.

The kids at school kept telling Andy how their fathers were cow punchers, carried their guns low, and were always on the verge of one adventure or another. They were either after rustlers, outlaws, or just rounding up cattle — but it was exciting. More exciting than washing dishes.

"Pops looked up from the soapy sink. "What's the matter Andy?" he asked.

"I been thinkin', Pops." Andy looked squarely into the center of a dirty dish on his tray. "Couldn't we sell this diner and get a job on a ranch?"

"Why, son!" exploded Gramps, "You know Pops couldn't ride a horse with his bad leg. No ranch would hire him!"

"I don't mean ropin' and ridin', I mean workin' in the kitchen," Andy ended weakly.

"There's no money in that," Pops said softly. "We got a nice steady business here, son. Some day you'll appreciate it. What's eating at you, anyway, Andy?"

"Nothin' "

"C'mon, Andy, somethin's on your mind," his father said softly. "I thought we were pals."

"You know Pete Harris," Andy said slowly.

"He's one of the boys in your class, isn't he?"

"Yeah. His father was made foreman of the Double Y ranch yesterday."

"Blast it!" shouted Gramps. "We can't all be heroes! There was the time at Bull Moose Creek when your father and me was ambushed by a bunch o' howlin' critters 'd make your hair curl..." Gramps pulled open the small drawer beneath the cash register and pulled out a pistol, shoving the butt under Andy's nose. "See them notches, sonny," he shouted, "they didn't come from pussyfooting..."

"All right, Gramps," Pops said softly, "Andy isn't interested in yesterday... he's worried about tomorrow. Do you think, Andy, the boys might sit up and take notice if you went to school on a pony instead of a bicycle?"

Andy's eyes shone. "Do you mean that, Pops?"

"Where'll you get the money?" snorted Gramps. "You been savin' for two years to get a car, and you're only ready to look for a bargain now!"

"I just decided a car gets too many flat tires," grinned Pops, "and you got to walk too far to get gas and oil. Now you take a horse, you got no problems at all!"

Andy screamed Yipeee only once and dashed into the kitchen with the dishes dancing on his tray.

"Put that gun back, Gramps, afore you hurt yourself." Pops said.

"All right. All I ask is that you get Andy a horse with a rumble seat. I'm gettin' too tired to walk."

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It was almost closing time for the diner. The dishes and glassware were washed and stacked. The mirrored interiors had been scrubbed down by an ambitious Andy until they sparkled with a brightness that rivalled the lights. Andy sat in a corner finishing up his homework, and Pops was counting out the cash so he could bank it in the morning, when the sound of a big car pulled up to a stop outside.

A little man came in, a dude, Andy noticed as he closed his school books. The man stopped for a moment at his reflection in the wall mirror, straightened a tie that needed no straightening, and smoothed back his slick black hair that already was plastered to his head. He sat down at one of the tables near the wall and faced the mirror. Andy handed him a menu, but he didn't look at it.

"A steak and french fries, kid. I like my steak rare. Hop to it!"

The dude was wearing swell clothes, Andy admitted mentally. Never saw anything like it in the catalog. Even while the dude ate he would look at his suit, and maybe straighten the points in his pocket handkerchief, or tuck at his shirt collar so that the points would be even.

He finished the steak, and downed the coffee, and Andy scribbled a check for the meal. The dude didn't look at it. He got up, and looked into the mirror, buttoning his jacket. Satisfied at his reflection he walked over to Pops at the register, put his hand in the pocket of his jacket and said, "This is a stick up. Empty the register like a good boy, and put the money on the counter. If you do what I say nobody'll get hurt."

Gramps spit out his coffee all over a fresh tablecloth and Pops just stood there.

"C'mon," the dude jerked at his pocket angrily, "I ain't got all day." The outline of a gun stood out large and clear as it pressed against the smooth cloth.

Pops wheeled awkwardly on his twisted leg, opened a drawer, and a six-shooter roared almost as fast as it saw the light. The dude dropped to the floor, and the suit became a dark red near the shoulder. His hand came slowly out of his pocket, and lifeless fingers dropped an automatic to the floor.

"Get the sheriff, Andy," Pops said. "We got a customer here who won't pay for his steak and potatoes!"

"Golly!" gasped Andy, as he ran out. "Wait till I tell the guys tomorrow!"

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Pops mopped up the last remains of the blood on the floor, and Gramps sipped at his last cup of coffee.

"You shouldn't of taken the chance," Gramps said over and over again. "I know the horse was important to the kid, but not for you to risk your neck over it. Why, one squeeze of the trigger, and you'd be full of lead now!"

Pops wrung the mop out and picked up the pail, "It wasn't as serious as that," Pops smiled. "I knew he wouldn't pull the trigger. He didn't look like the kind of guy who'd put a hole in a nice new suit!"

THE END

RED FIRE

RAILROADS HAVE MADE OUR COUNTRY GREAT! THE CRISS-CROSSING TRACKS THAT LINE THE FACE OF THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES FORM ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMFORTABLE NETWORKS OF RAILROADS IN THE WORLD! BUT THE LAYING OF THE ROADS, THEIR PLANNING AND BUILDING COST MUCH MONEY AND MANY LIVES! IT WAS DURING THE BUILDING OF A SPUR LINE THAT RED FIRE WAS INTRODUCED TO RAILROADING, AND ON A TRAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE...WHICH ALMOST PROVED TO BE HIS...

RIDE TO DOOM!



AIN'T THERE
NOTHIN' WE CAN DO TO
STOP ALL THIS WASTEFUL
KILLIN', MR. GRANT?

THE RAILROAD MUST GO
THROUGH, ED! IT'S MY JOB
TO GET IT DONE EVEN IF I
MUST GET THE TROOPS
OUT TO HELP US DO IT!



LET'S HEAD
BACK TO TOWN! I WANT TO SEE
THE SHERIFF! I'M TIRED OF PUSSY FOOTIN'
AROUND WITH THEM INDIANS! WE GOT TO
GET THE FEDERAL TROOPS...

IFN WE DO, IT'LL
BE A MASSACRE,
MR. GRANT!



LATER,
AT THE
SHERIFF'S
OFFICE...

EITHER YOU SEND FOR THE
TROOPS, SHERIFF, OR I WILL!
I'M TIRED OF LOSING MEN, AND
I'M FALLIN' BEHIND ON
MY SCHEDULE!

NOW, NOW, GRANT,
THOSE INJUNS NEVER ACTED
UP BEFORE! GIVE ME A WEEK
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BOTHERIN'
THEM! THE TROOPS COULD
START AN INJUN WAR THAT'D
SPLIT THE COUNTRY
IN TWO...

GIVE ME
TIME, GRANT, TO SEND A
DEPUTY TO SPEAK TO
CHIEF SITTING BIRD!

ALL RIGHT,
SHERIFF, BUT I WARN YOU,
NEXT WEEK I ASK MY COMPANY FOR
FEDERAL TROOPS, AND WE'LL BLAST
THOSE INJUNS OUT OF THE
HILLS!

WHAT'S
EATING
HIM?

LISTEN! I WANT YOU TO SEE CHIEF SIT-
TING BIRD AND TELL HIM IF HE DOESN'T
LAY OFF THE RAILROAD, THE FEDERAL
TROOPS WILL CHASE HIS TRIBE OUT OF
THE STATE!

WHERE DO I
FIND THE CHIEF, SHERIFF, AND
HOW DO I TALK TO HIM 'FORE
HE KILLS ME?

WE GOT ONE
INJUN IN THIS TOWN THAT CAN TAKE
YOU TO HIM! RED FIRE! C'MON AND
MEET HIM! YOU CAN TRUST
HIM TO GET YOU
THROUGH!

THE SHORT
ONE IS THE DEPUTY! LET HIM
GET OUT OF TOWN, THEN MAKE
SURE HE DON'T GET BACK!

I GOT YOU,
GRANT! YOU CAN COUNT
ON ME!

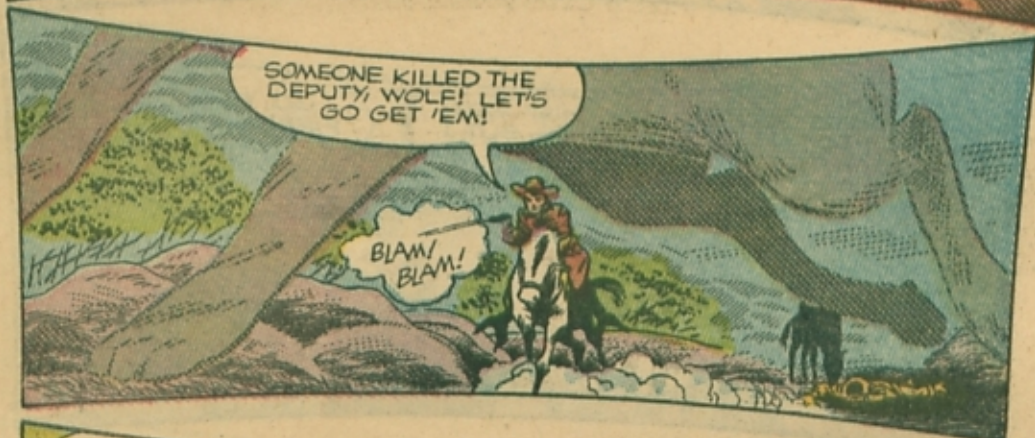
RED FIRE, I'D
LIKE YOU TO TAKE MY
DEPUTY TO SEE CHIEF
SITTING BIRD!

GLAD TO, SHERIFF!
BUT IT MAY NOT BE EASY, FOR THE CHIEF
DOES NOT CONSIDER US
HIS FRIENDS!

I HOPE THAT
WHEN THE POW WOW IS OVER, WE'LL
KNOW WHAT'S BITIN' THE CHIEF, AND
WE'LL ALL BE FRIENDS AGAIN!

YOU CAN COUNT
ON ME SHERIFF TO
HELP ALL I CAN!

THE DEPUTY'S GOT COMPANY... IT'S RED FIRE!
THIS IS A BREAK! WAIT TILL MR. GRANT
HEARS ABOUT THIS!



MY WARRIORS ONLY PROTECT THE LAND GIVEN US BY THE GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON! WE DO NOT TOUCH THE TRACKS. WE ONLY FIGHT THOSE WHO TRESPASS!



IF THE LAND WAS GIVEN TO THEM, WHO WOULD WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY?

I GO NOW CHIEF WITH YOUR MESSAGE, BUT I WILL RETURN WITH WORD FROM THE SHERIFF!

GO, RED FIRE! WE WILL AWAIT YOUR RETURN!



LET'S LOOK INTO THIS, WOLF! IF THE TRACKS WENT STRAIGHT, INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE RESERVATION, IT WOULD COME BY THIS RANCH...



WE HAD COUNTED ON THE RAILROAD COMING THROUGH HERE! WE NEED THE MONEY WE'D GET FROM THE SALE, BUT WHEN THE TRACK TURNED, MR. GRANT WAS NICE ENOUGH TO OFFER US SOME MONEY ANYWAY!

YOU SOLD OUT FOR WHAT HE OFFERED?

YEP! LIKE PAW SAID WE NEED THE MONEY!



AND SO
IT WENT
IN HOUSE
AFTER
HOUSE...
ALL HAD
SOLD OUT
TO GRANT
AT HIS
PRICE

LOOKS LIKE MR. GRANT TURNED THE RAILROAD ON PURPOSE
SO'S HE COULD BUY UP THE LAND AT THE RIGHT PRICE THEN
RESELL IT TO THE RAILROAD! THIS'LL MAKE MIGHTY
INTERESTING NEWS TO THE SHERIFF, WOLF!



MEANWHILE,
BACK IN TOWN...

RED FIRE KILLED THE
DEPUTY...JOHN HERE SAW
HIM DO IT! AN' GOT A
BULLET FOR TRYING TO
STOP HIM!

YEAH, SHERIFF,
LET'S GET 'IM,
BEFORE HE
KILLS AGAIN!

ALL RIGHT,
WE'LL FORM
A POSSE,
BUT WE
TAKE HIM
ALIVE!



GET SOME OF THE
MEN TOGETHER AND WRECK THE ENGINE
WHILE THE POSSE IS OUT OF TOWN! STRAIGHTEN
THE TRACKS SO THAT THE TRAIN GOES OVER
THE CLIFF!

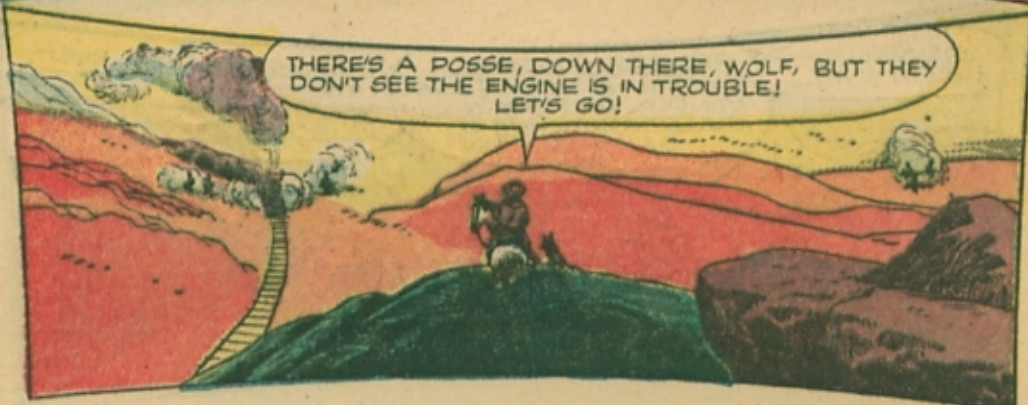
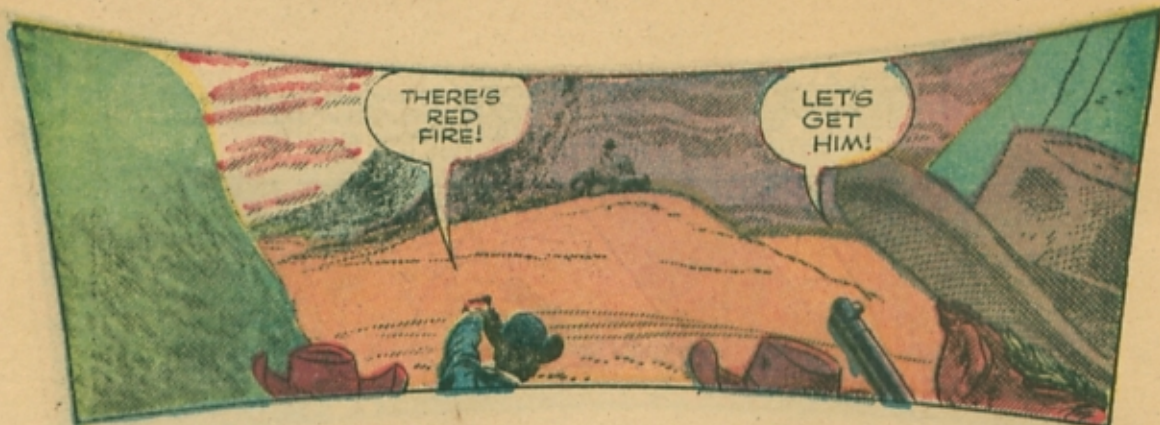
YEAH! THAT OUGHT TO
HOLD UP THE SCHEDULE
ABOUT A MONTH!



I WANT YOU
TO KNOW, GRANT, I DON'T THINK
RED FIRE KILLED THAT DEPUTY,
BUT I WANT TO HEAR HIS
STORY...

YOU'RE TOO SOFT, SHERIFF—THOSE
INJUNS ARE OUT TO GET US AND
WE GOT TO STOP THEM FIRST!





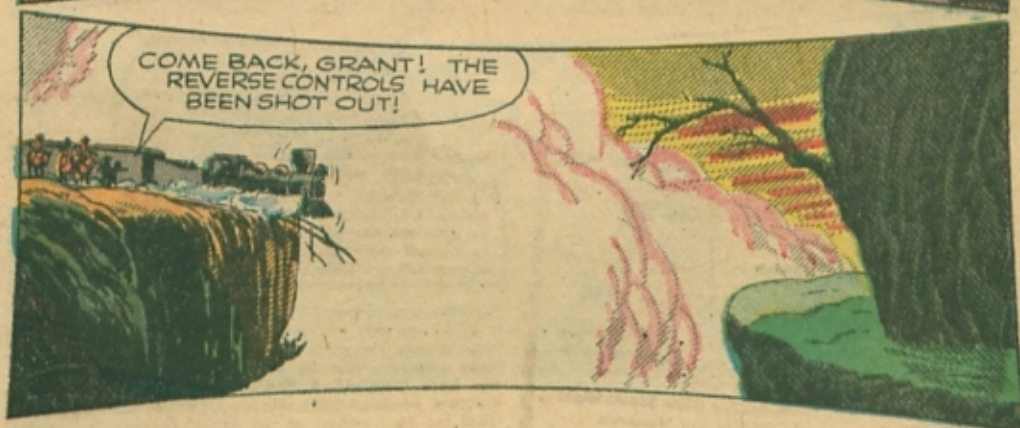
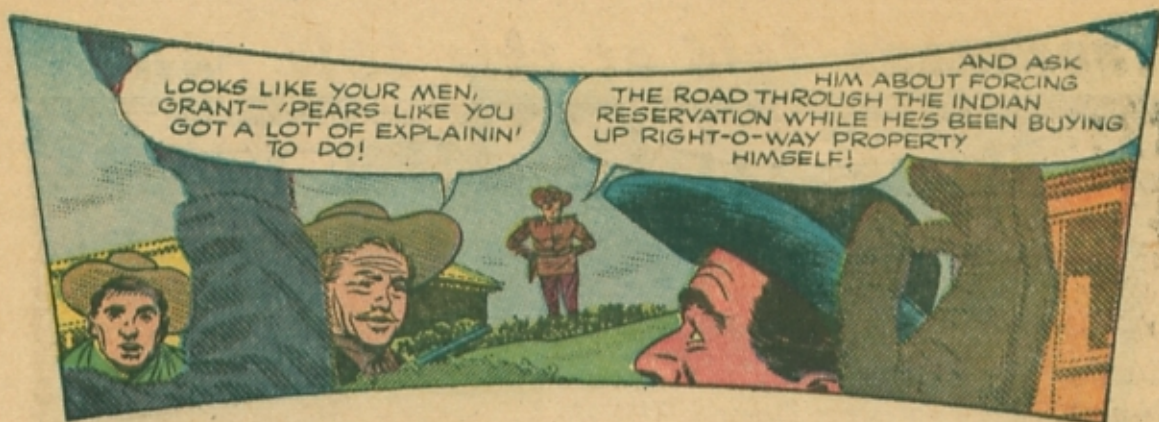
HERE'S WHERE WE
PART COMPANY, LIGHTNING! LOOKS
LIKE THE ENGINEER NEEDS
SOME HELP!

NEVER MIND,
RED FIRE—GET THE GANG
THAT'S ATTACKING THE TRAIN!

THIS TRAIN IS GOING TO COME TO A MIGHTY
SUDDEN STOP IF I DON'T WARN THE
ENGINEER, WOLF!

STOP THE TRAIN! THE TRACKS
LEAD TO THE EDGE OF A
CLIFF!

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